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SUBJECT: GOALS AND TASKS FOR UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR -
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REFS A AND B GIVE DETAILS WHICH HAVE GOVERNED PREPARATION
HERE OF DRAFT STATEMENTS OF GOALS AND TASKS FOR EACH
AMBASSADOR. DRAFT TEXT FOLLOWS BELOW FOR YOUR COMMENT.
PLEASE RESPOND ASAP, BUT NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 6 IN ANY
EVENT.

BEGIN TEXT:

I. PRESERVE ITALY AS A WESTERN-ORIENTED DEMOCRACY AND A
FULL PARTICIPANT IN ATLANTIC AND WESTERN EUROPEAN INSTITU-
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-- ENCOURAGE ITALIANS TO PLAY AN INCREASINGLY ACTIVE ROLE
IN THE VARIOUS WESTERN INSTITUTIONS TO WHICH THEY BELONG,
AND EMPHASIZE THE VALUE THE US PLACES IN THEIR
PARTICIPATION.

-- REINFORCE BILATERAL RELATIONS AT EVERY LEVEL BY

ENCOURAGING PRIVATE AMERICAN AND ITALIAN INSTITUTIONS --
EDUCATIONAL, SOCIAL, CULTURAL, AND BUSINESS -- ACTIVE OR
INTERESTED IN ITALY.

II. ACTIVELY SUPPORT DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL FORCES.

-- REINFORCE WITH ITALIAN LEADERS THE IDEA THAT RESPONSIVE
AND EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT AND A HEALTHY ECONOMY ARE THE BEST
GUARANTEES AGAINST THE GROWTH OF COMMUNISM OR OTHER
UNDEMOCRATIC POLITICAL FORCES.

-- ENCOURAGE THE REGENERATION OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC
PARTY BY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE YOUNGER REFORM-MINDED
POLITICIANS.

-- MAINTAIN LINKS WITH THE SOCIALISTS AND OTHER SMALL
DEMOCRATIC PARTIES IN AN EFFORT TO CONVINCE THEM TO PLAY
MORE CONSTRUCTIVE ROLES IN ITALIAN POLITICAL LIFE.

-- INCLUDE THE COMMUNIST PARTY IN EMBASSY CONTACTS (BELOW
AMBASSADOR AND DCM) BUT IN A WAY THAT PRESERVES A CLEAR
DISTINCTION IN TREATMENT ACCORDED THE DEMOCRATIC PARTIES.

III. SUPPORT ECONOMIC STABILITY.

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-- WORK THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND TO PROMOTE
STRUCTURAL ECONOMIC REFORM, BOOST PRODUCTIVITY AND EMPLOY-
MENT, AND REDUCE INFLATION AND INDEBTEDNESS.

-- CONVINCE ITALIANS THEY MUST CREATE AN ECONOMIC CLIMATE
WHICH WILL ATTRACT FOREIGN INVESTMENT.

-- AS APPROPRIATE, ENCOURAGE AMERICAN FIRMS TO INVEST IN
ITALY.

-- PROMOTE US EXPORTS TO ITALY IN THE CONTEXT OF A HEALTHY
US-EC RELATIONSHIP.

IV. DEVELOP EFFECTIVE BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL
COOPERATION TO HELP SOLVE ITALY'S ENERGY PROBLEMS.

-- REINVIGORATE THE EXISTING BILATERAL ENERGY WORKING GROUP.

-- ENCOURAGE ITALY TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE INTER-
NATIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION PROGRAM.

-- PROMOTE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON NON-NUCLEAR ENERGY SOURCES SUCH AS SOLAR, GEOTHERMAL AND BIOCONVERSION.

V. STRENGTHEN NATO RELATIONSHIP.

-- ELICIT CONTINUED ITALIAN COOPERATION IN THE USE OF US MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN ITALY FOR NATO AND OTHER US OBJECTIVES.

-- ENCOURAGE GREATER ITALIAN DEFENSE EFFORTS IN SUPPORT OF THE NATO GOAL OF A 3 PERCENT REAL INCREASE IN DEFENSE BUDGETS.

VI. IMPROVE THE IMAGE IN ITALY OF THE US AS A JUST, VIABLE AND PROGRESSIVE SOCIETY.

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-- ESTABLISH A RELATIONSHIP WITH IMPORTANT FIGURES IN THE ITALIAN MEDIA IN ORDER TO GUARANTEE A FULL AND FAIR COVERAGE OF US DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICIES AND INTERESTS.

-- DEVELOP GREATER ITALIAN AWARENESS OF AMERICAN INTELLECTUAL, ARTISTIC AND SOCIAL ACHIEVEMENTS.

-- ENCOURAGE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING EFFORTS IN ORDER TO EXPAND ACCESS TO AMERICAN LIFE AND THOUGHT.

-- PROMOTE TECHNICAL EXCHANGES IN SUCH AREAS AS PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, HEALTH, EDUCATION AND JOURNALISM WHERE MODERN AMERICAN TECHNIQUES CAN BE OF POSITIVE USE.

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